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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN ENERGY PLANS

1. IN A SPEECH ON MAY 6, 1976, JAIME GARCIA PARRA, MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY, OUTLINED THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY'S ENERGY RESOURCES. AMONG THESE EFFORTS ARE PROGRAMS TO DRILL 800 EXPLORATORY OIL WELLS BY 1985, DEVELOP THE GUAJIRA GAS FIELDS AND EXPLOIT THE CERREJON COAL DEPOSITS.

2. THE MINISTER ASSERTS THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL ENABLE COLOMBIA TO REGAIN ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY 1985-86.

3. FROM THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO US, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT SEE HOW THIS WILL WORK OUT. WE NEED MORE INFORMATION ON COLOMBIAN ENERGY PLANS AND WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE BY OCTOBER 4, 1976. THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED FOR A PAPER WHICH IS IN PROCESS.

4. DOES BOGOTA EXPECT TO DEVELOP COMMERCIALY VIABLE OIL WELLS AT THE HISTORICAL RATE OF ONE FOR EVERY 14 EXPLORATORY
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WELLS SUNK, OR DOES IT EXPECT TO DO BETTER?

5. ARE RESERVES PER NEW WELL EXPECTED TO BE HIGHER THAN

THE 4.5 MILLION BARRELS OF RECENT EXPERIENCE?

6. WHAT IS THE PLANNED PRODUCTIVE LIFE OF THE NEW WELL
DISCOVERIES?

7. WHAT IS THE EXPECTED LAG BETWEEN DISCOVERY OF A WELL
AND FULL PRODUCTION FROM IT?

8. DOES "SELF-SUFFICIENCY" MEAN ELIMINATION OF CRUDE OIL
IMPORTS, OR A SITUATION IN WHICH CRUDE IMPORT COSTS ARE
COVERED BY REVENUES FROM ENERGY EXPORTS?

9. WHAT ARE THE PROJECTED CRUDE AND PRODUCT IMPORT
VOLUMES (B/D) THROUGH 1985?

10. WHAT PROJECTIONS OF ENERGY PRICES (CRUDE, FUEL OIL,
GAS, COAL) ARE THE COLOMBIANS USING FOR THE PERIOD
1976-85?

11. HOW DOES BOGOTA PLAN TO FINANCE ITS ENERGY DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECTS?

12. IN RESPONSE, PLEASE CITE CER-6-50470. KISSINGER

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